

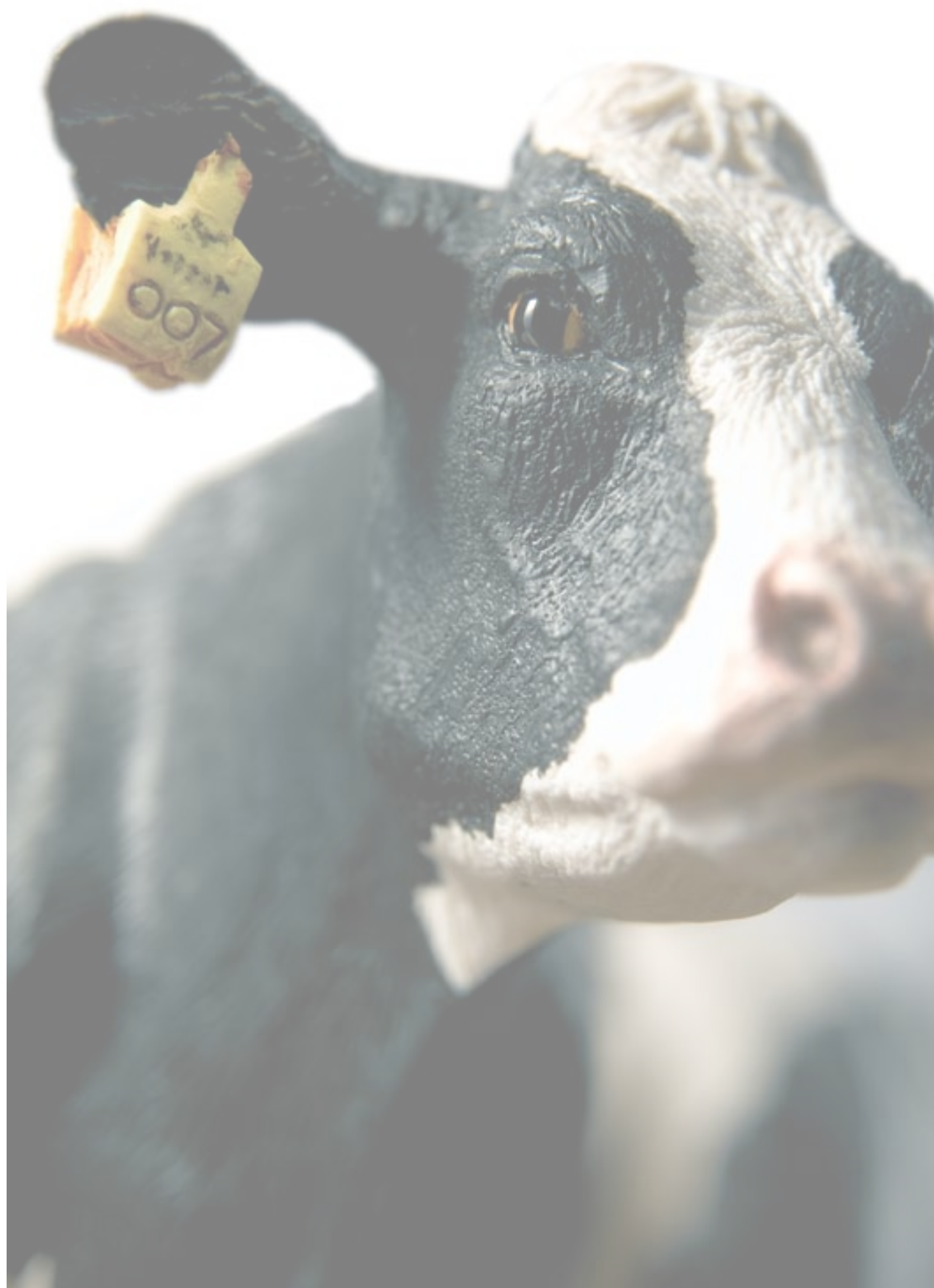
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THE CLASSIC COLLECTION



Ray Ayres

MASTER SCULPTOR

Greetings for 2012, a milestone year for both Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and myself. I leave it to you to make the connection, the least said the better!

I hope you will find the 2012 Diamond Jubilee Figurines — depictions of Her Royal Highness at the time of her accession to the throne, a Coronation figurine (to be available in the autumn) and one relaxing at Balmoral — wonderful creations showing all the skills we have here at Border Fine Arts. The detailing is truly superb.

There's also our usual offering of tractors and nostalgic farm scenes, plus our authentic portrayal of wildlife, whilst the subjects of the annual collectors' Symbol of Membership and Member-only Figurine, due to be released in June, remain firmly under wraps for now.

Introducing a brand new venture for Border Fine Arts Classic — our new collection of equine studies on pages 36 and 37, created by Jane Burn have been inspired by the popular ceramic and porcelain horse studies of the mid-twentieth century.

Whilst reminiscent of those popular pieces, these new figurines and busts are brought right up to date with the use of contemporary materials to give a modern look to suit today's collecting tastes.

Throughout the year, Events will play an important part in my meeting with, talking to and listening to, you, the enthusiast. An addition this year will be the information we will be posting on Facebook. We will be working hard to open up and show what we do and have more communication with you, our collectors.

So, you will agree, a big year, all round. Enjoy, with us!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R. J. Ayres' with a stylized flourish underneath.

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NEW B1341 TROOPING THE COLOUR 1952

(LE: 500) Anne Wall

Height: 38.5cm Length: 37.0cm

Celebrating the Queen's sixty-year reign, our figurine depicts Her Majesty at the Trooping the Colour parade of 1952, her first as Sovereign. Wearing the scarlet tunic of the Colonel-in-Chief of the Scots Guards and the blue ribbon of the Order of the Garter, Her Majesty is elegantly poised on her chestnut horse, Winston. The black plume on her tricorn hat is in remembrance of her father, His Majesty King George VI, who died four months previously.



NEW B1406 HER MAJESTY AT BALMORAL

(LE: 350) Anne Wall

Height: 20.5cm Length: 17.0cm

This delightful figurine depicts Her Majesty in a relaxed pose at the Balmoral Estate, where she can unwind and enjoy some of her favourite things. Here, her beloved corgis are never far from her side and many have been recorded on what can only be considered some of the most endearing photographs ever taken of the Queen. Tiny is on her knee and Brush is at her feet.

NEW B1428 NEWLY CROWNED

(LE: 250) Keith Sherwin

Height: 23.0cm Length: 22.5cm

It's 1953. 'Newly Crowned', Her Majesty holds the Sovereign's Orb and the Sceptre with Cross, and wears the ring of England and the Imperial State Crown, made for Queen Victoria in 1838. The Coronation Dress was designed by Norman Hartnell and has elaborately embroidered details including the rose of England, thistle of Scotland, Irish shamrock and Welsh daffodil.

Available from autumn 2012.



B1296 HIGHPOINT

(LE: 350) Keith Sherwin

Height: 38.5cm Length: 28.5cm

This sculpture depicts a chief taking high ground to organize the hunting party and give directions to pursue the buffalo. His shield is not just for protection — such decoration like the eagle's claw is symbolic, as Indians believed that part of the bird or animal's spirit and wisdom would be passed on to them through the shield.



B1295 PONY EXPRESS

(LE: 350) Keith Sherwin

Height: 23.5cm Length: 33.5cm

This sculpture portrays a Pony Express rider wearing his 'duster' as he rides through bad weather. The young riders were famous for their endurance and surviving hazards like raging rivers, blizzards and Indians. Pony Express horses were grain fed, so they could outstrip the Indian horses that were grass fed. Speed mattered most to the riders and to get that record run on who achieved this was a young William Cody who later became the famous Buffalo Bill.



B1160 GATHER AT THE SNOOTY FOX

(LE: 350) Anne Wall

Height: 27.5cm Length: 46.0cm

It has become tradition for the publican to hand out a welcome warming 'stirrup cup', which is usually sherry or port, to help ward off the icy cold winter wind as the hunt 'gathers at The Snooty Fox'.

B1070A HOUNDS AWAY (GREY)

(LE: 950) Anne Wall

Height: 25.5cm Length: 36.5cm

The meet has been called,
There are high expectations for the day,
All are assembled at the start,
No time to tarry... 'hounds away'.

B1070 HOUNDS AWAY (BAY)



B1232 LOST SCENT

(LE: 500) Ray Ayres

Height: 28.0cm Length: 31.0cm

These hounds have been hard on the trail of a fox, but, being cunning, the wily creature has gone through the hedge and swiftly gone to earth in an old rabbit burrow. Quickly following, but not quickly enough, the dogs bound over the hedge but are heading the wrong way, having 'lost scent' and sight of their quarry.



B1216 A MERRY CHASE

(LE: 500) Anne Wall

Height: 11.0cm Length: 26.0cm

Ever eager for the chase, these terriers have been scouting the woods in pursuit of their quarry, however the alert rabbit has other things in mind and leads them 'a merry chase' through the log pile.



B1248 CATCH UP

(LE: 500) David Mayer

Height: 17.5cm Length: 28.5cm

In the early years of Border Fine Arts at Middleholm Farm, John Hammond had two English Springer Spaniels, Musket and his son Gherkin. While Musket had always been the most reliable of gun dogs, the arrival of his more impish son led to plenty of fun and games 'chasing the bunnies', but here they are struggling to 'catch up'.



NEW B1264 GAME FOR MORE (BLACK)

(LE: 500) Keith Sherwin

Height: 24.0cm Length: 26.0cm

Our experienced gun knows that ducks come to the pond either in the early morning or early evening and that a little patience and silence are key to having a good flight. Ever alert, his trusty canine companion quite happily sits and waits and, whatever the yield, is always 'game for more'.

NEW B1264A GAME FOR MORE (YELLOW)



NEW B1385 ALERT & READY

(LE: 350) *Keith Sherwin*

Height: 29.5cm Length: 28.5cm

Eager to work, the Patterdale terrier is known for being robust and hard working. Bred originally in the village of Patterdale in the Lake District, it is now a cherished working and family dog in many other parts of the world. This fine specimen really captures the breed's character, 'alert and ready' — it's obviously keen for action.



B0983 THE CROSSER (YELLOW LABRADOR)

Paul Back

Height: 33.5cm Length: 20.0cm

Caution is called for here, as our man follows the flight of a high pheasant (the crosser) that's taken an unexpected turn — down the line of the guns!

B0983A THE CROSSER (BLACK LABRADOR)



B1207 KEEP ON RUNNING

(LE: 750) Anne Wall

Height: 11.5cm Length: 26.0cm

This collie and her pups have decided to practise their 'rounding up' and 'driving' skills on some Indian Runner ducks; however, they soon discover that whilst it might be easy to lead a duck to water, it is somewhat more difficult to concentrate on the task. As one puppy spots a frog and some goldfish, the ducks just 'keep on running'!



B1354 RIGHT & LEFT (BLACK)

(LE: 500) Keith Sherwin

Height: 17.0cm Length: 35.0cm

For a small dog, the energy and keen senses of the Cocker Spaniel has again come up trumps as a pair of woodcocks are put to flight. Now, it's down to the skill of the guns, and with two witnesses to hand, maybe one will be in with a chance of shooting a much-coveted 'right-and-left'.

B1354A RIGHT & LEFT (GOLDEN)

B1231 STARTLED (BLACK)

(LE: 500) David Mayer

Height: 20.0cm Length: 20.5cm

'Flushed' with success, this labrador has 'startled' a grey partridge pair taking cover in the dense ground cover. Once a common site, due to a decline in numbers, the distinctive grey partridge is now sadly an RSPB Red List species.

B1231A STARTLED (YELLOW)



B1291 SITTING GREAT DANE (FAWN)

(LE: 350) Margaret Turner

Height: 27.0cm Length: 18.0cm

The Great Dane was first Bred in Germany over four hundred years ago. Swift, alert, and intelligent, its massive head is offset by body lines which lend this breed, the tallest of the working breeds, an overall elegant appearance.



B1303 FARMYARD ANTICS

(LE: 500) Anne Wall

Height: 16.0cm Length: 23.5cm

While most of the young pups play around the old water trough, one is more interested in keeping an eye on mum, but she is showing no signs of being distracted, preferring to keep an eye on them all, just incase they get up to any of their usual 'farmyard antics'.



NEW B1393 HERDWICK EWE & LAMBS

(LE: 350) Ray Ayres

Height: 15.0cm Length: 20.5cm

Herdwicks are well equipped for survival in the harsh conditions of the highest, otherwise uninhabitable, Lakeland fell tops; enduring altitudes of up to 3000ft with poor foraging over the long winter period. This toughness, however, is contrasted by a gentleness of nature, as this ewe with one lamb suckling is aware that a stray lamb is keen to feed too.

NEW B1382 STANDING FIRM (BLACK & WHITE)

(LE: 350) Ray Ayres

Height: 15.0cm Length: 26.5cm

The Kerry Hill ewe is a very wilful animal and is not easily 'lifted' by the farm collie and this ewe is showing all the signs of stubborn defiance. Not to be outdone, her lambs seem to be learning to be equally as brave. Real 'chips off the old block', they face the dog and are 'standing firm'.

NEW B1382A STANDING FIRM (RED)



B1251 MULE EWE & TEXEL LAMBS

(LE: 500) Ray Ayres

Height: 15.5cm Length: 24.0cm

The traditional northern mule ewe, a cross between a Swaledale ewe and a Blue Faced Leicester tup, is an excellent mother. Renowned for producing progeny of good meaty sires like the Texel, it is a hardy breed to boot, which is why it is used extensively in northern England where the climate is harsher.

B1182 BELTEX EWE & LAMBS

(LE: 500) Ray Ayres

Height: 13.5cm Length: 26.5cm

These white-faced sheep originate from Belgian Texels, hence the name, which was created by blending the two words Texel and Belgium to give the portmanteau word 'Beltex'. Famed for their extremely heavy muscling, especially in the hindquarters, Beltex sheep were first introduced to Britain in 1989 and have taken the British lamb industry by storm ever since.



B1170 STEEP DESCENT

(LE: 500) Hans Kendrick

Height: 26.5cm Length: 24.0cm

Hardy they may be, but it has to be admitted that sheep are not the brightest of creatures and when it comes to bringing them in off the fells they are often at their most frustrating and unpredictable, as these Herdwick ewes prove. Their chosen route involves a much more dangerous course than intended and is a very 'steep descent' indeed!



B1218 IN SAFE HANDS

(LE: 350) Hans Kendrick

Height: 21.5cm Length: 26.0cm

Bringing the flock down from the hills is both time consuming and risky; of course you have your dog to guide them but sometimes one just stumbles into difficulty, luckily the farmer isn't on foot so it is easily lifted up and held 'in safe hands'.



B1176 ON THE EDGE

(LE: 500) Hans Kendrick

Height: 20.0cm Length: 19.0cm

The rugged cliffs of the Pembrokeshire coast is no place for straying sheep, but strayed they have, and so it is that the collie has been sent out to find this Welsh ewe and lamb 'on the edge' and bring them back to a safer area.



B1243 TAKING TO THE TUP

(LE: 500) Hans Kendrick

Height: 18.0cm Length: 24.0cm

A shepherd's work is never done, but this is one of the better tasks! It's the time of year when the ewes are brought in off the hills to be 'tupped' (as they say), so they all meander down the winding track to the meadow below where the tup awaits his ladies and the circle of life continues.



B1119 CHEVIOT EWE & LAMBS

(LE: 500) Ray Ayres

Height: 15.0cm Length: 19.0cm

As its name suggests, the South Country Cheviot is a hardy white-faced hill sheep from the Cheviot Hills of the Scottish Borders. Originally its dense fleece was selectively bred for hardiness, but it went on to secure the breed's dominance in the Tweed industry; however, today it is the production of quality lamb for which this sheep is prized.

B1282 WELSH RAM, EWE & LAMB

(LE: 500) Antony Halls

Height: 17.0cm Length: 23.5cm

This impressive study of a Welsh Mountain Sheep family group really captures the rugged, hardy characteristics of this small, thick-fleeced, native breed that is capable of surviving the harshest of winters up in the Welsh mountains where there is very little quality forage.



B1250 GETTING THE FEED OUT

(LE: 500) Ray Ayres

Height: 14.5cm Height: 34.0cm

With snow covering the grass and a large flock of Swaledales, the farmer's main priority is 'getting the feed out', which in this case is hay and sheep nuts. As all-terrain vehicles go, this 1980s Subaru 'Brat' pick-up (the first car chassis to be converted into a utility work vehicle) is as good as any and can hold its own in any terrain.

B1250A GETTING THE FEED OUT (GREEN)

B1250B GETTING THE FEED OUT (BLUE)



B1215 LEFT BEHIND

(LE: 500) Hans Kendrick

Height: 17.0cm Length: 28.0cm

Having just received the vet's bill for his dog which is a bit pricey for his liking, our farmer calls to complain. Not happy with the result, he slams down the phone, storms out of the phone box, and is so busy scolding his collie for being ill that he hasn't noticed his loyal terrier has been 'left behind'.

B1274 BLACKIE TUP & EWES

(LE: 500) Hans Kendrick

Height: 17.0cm Length: 23.5cm

A blackfaced flock was established at Ettrick in the sixteenth century by King James IV of Scotland, no less, and, as if aware of his rich ancestry, our majestic ram stands proudly over his ewe and eldest lamb in this highly-evocative portrayal capturing the character of this hardy, versatile and prolific breed which remains the mainstay of the Scottish sheep industry today.



B1358 RELUCTANT EWE

(LE: 500) Hans Kendrick

Height: 17.0cm Length: 35.0cm

There are often times when a lamb is in need of some attention and all that's usually required is for the shepherd to walk the lamb in to the trailer and the mother should instinctively follow her offspring; that's the idea, however some first-time mothers can be more reluctant to follow of their own accord and so sometimes need to be man-handled.



B1234 ZWARTBLE EWE & LAMBS

(LE: 350) Ray Ayres

Height: 20.0cm Length: 20.5cm

With their black bodies and chocolate fleece, white socks and tip of the tail, and white facial 'blaze' from nose to crown, sheep don't come anymore distinctive than these Zwartbles. The breed originates from the Freisland region of Holland and they were first imported to the UK in 1986 and are considered a 'gentleman' farmer's sheep.



B1166 SPECKLE-FACED BEULAH RAM, EWE & LAMB

(LE: 500) Antony Halls

Height: 14.5cm Length: 23.5cm

A hardy and therefore easily managed breed, Speckle-faced Beulah sheep have been found in the hills and valleys of Eppynt, Llanafan, Abergwesyn and Llanwrtyd Wells for over one hundred years.



NEW B1384 MORNING CALL

(LE: 350) Ray Ayres

Height: 43.5cm Length: 26.0cm

Come rain or shine, the farm cockerel can be relied upon to take his duties seriously. Perhaps he likes the sound of his own voice, but not everyone is of the same opinion. As the sun rises on another day, he perches on top of an old fencepost and gives full voice to his 'morning call'.



B1265 PRIZE SHOW

(LE: 350) Hans Kendrick

Height: 22.5cm Length: 23.5cm

The secret of good pig showmanship? Plenty of practise before the show, which is exactly what this pair have had. With his board in his left hand and stick in his right, the smartly attired breeder successfully walks his Saddleback sow through her paces.

B1191 SHARING SECRETS

(LE: 600) Anne Wall

Height: 15.5cm Length: 24.0cm

The title for this piece really says it all, as this charming study of a donkey and her young foal perfectly captures the special bond between the pair in such a way that when you look at the young donkey nuzzling her mother it's almost as if she has a secret to share.



B1181 NOSY NEIGHBOURS (BLACK & WHITE) B1117 WHAT'S MINE IS YOURS

(LE: 500) Hans Kendrick

Height: 13.0cm Length: 32.0cm

It's always hard working with an audience breathing down your neck, as this farmer knows only too well. As he tries to replace the ball cock in the tank in the hope that it will stop the water overflowing he is suddenly joined by some rather inquisitive — or should that be nosy? — neighbours.

(LE: 500) Hans Kendrick

Height: 15.5cm Length: 23.0cm

Enjoying a neck rub on the sandstone post, this Ayrshire cow is suddenly aware that the farm cats have congregated around a churn that has been knocked over, no doubt in the hope that there will be some milk to enjoy. 'What's mine is yours' is all very well and good, but only if there's something to share, and unfortunately this churn has just been washed!



B1169 HOW THE HELL!

(LE: 600) Hans Kendrick

Height: 11.0cm Length: 30.5cm

This rather unfortunate Highland cow has not only attracted a full audience of all the other farm animals, but also the attention of the farmer, who is left wondering just 'how the hell' he is going to get this situation sorted out!

B1268 FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

(LE: 500) Hans Kendrick

Height: 11.0cm Height: 33.0cm

It's a cold morning and the early frost is still on the frozen ground around this feeder, so these belted Galloways are grateful for the cattle pellets that have been brought by the farmer. What they don't appreciate, however, is sharing their food with a cheeky cock pheasant — although it looks like help is at hand, in the form of a sly fox! Ah, 'food, glorious food'!



B0996 SIMMENTAL BULL

(LE: 500) Antony Halls

Height: 21.0cm Length: 29.5cm

The rugged Simmental originated in Switzerland but is now popular around the world. It has been successfully bred in the UK for over thirty-five years, where it has proved itself well in the British beef herd, thanks to its hardiness, high fertility, and longevity.



B1188 BLONDE D'AQUITAINE BULL

(LE: 500) Kirsty Armstrong

Height: 19.5cm Length: 25.5cm

The Blonde D'Aquitaine came to Britain from France where breeding of this fine sturdy breed is believed to have evolved from native draught animals. They were first introduced here in the 1970s and the breed has now become well established as a fast growing, lean meat producer, in herds throughout the UK. 2011 celebrates the fortieth anniversary of the Blonde D'Aquitaine Society.



B1138 LONGHORN BULL

(LE: 500) Ray Ayres

Height: 16.5cm Length: 25.5cm

An evocative and enduring link to the past, the Longhorn was possibly the first animal to be bred 'to type', over two hundred years ago, by our forefathers who saw the potential of selective breeding and produced this magnificent breed.



B1072 HOLSTEIN COW

(LE: 750) Kirsty Armstrong

Height: 18.0cm Length: 22.0cm

The origins of the Holstein can be traced back two thousand years to what is now a part of the Netherlands, and they were among the earliest cattle to be bred mainly for milk. Their descendants are now found on dairy farms all over the world, and the breed retains its position as a top-class milk producer to this day.



B1217 CHAROLAIS COW & CALF

(LE: 500) Kirsty Armstrong

Height: 19.0cm Length: 26.0cm

The Charolais was the first of the Continental breeds to travel across the English Channel and challenge the dominance of our native breeds. Huge creamy-white cattle with broad backs and heavily muscled hindquarters, they were very different from anything seen before.

B1155 LIMOUSIN COW & CALF

(LE: 500) Kirsty Armstrong

Height: 17.5cm Length: 31.0cm

Surprisingly perhaps, it was not until 1971 that this breed arrived in Britain. They were, however, an immediate success and rapidly demand grew. By 1986 it had replaced the Hereford as Britain's top beef animal, and to this day, with more pure and crossbred calves registered than any other breed, the Limousin retains its dominance.



B1260 GALLOWAY COW & CALF (BELTED)

(LE: 500) Kirsty Armstrong

Height: 16.0cm Length: 24.0cm

Originating from the southwest region of Scotland with the same name, the Galloway is known as one of the purest, hardiest, and probably one of the oldest, of the UK's native breeds. There are many characteristics of Galloway cattle which make them an outstanding and unique animal; none more so than the distinctive white 'belt' around their girth as portrayed here.

B1260A GALLOWAY COW & CALF (BLACK)

B0993 LONGHORN COW & CALF

(LE: 500) Ray Ayres

Height: 16.5cm Length: 26.0cm

Early records of this ancient breed show how they were used to pull the plough for the peasant farmers during the Middle Ages and went on to become the pride of England's herd during the late eighteenth century. Their colour varies from dark brindle right through to pale roan and it was not just for its meat that this majestic breed was prized, as the distinctive long horns were used to make buttons and cutlery handles, and the tallow was a useful cheaper alternative to oil.



B1113 BRITISH BLUE COW & CALF

(LE: 500) Kirsty Armstrong

Height: 16.5cm Length: 23.5cm

The first 'blue' cattle were imported to the UK from Belgium in the early 1980s. Ironically, the breed was selectively bred by nineteenth-century Belgian breeders who imported Shorthorn bulls from the UK to improve their native dairy breeds by adding the muscular bulk for which the breed is so revered today!



B1075 CHAROLAIS BULL

(LE: 500) Kirsty Armstrong

Height: 20.0cm Length: 26.5cm

This magnificent breed of large, pale-coloured cattle was originally developed in the Charolais region of France for draught purposes but is now a popular choice for both beef production and for crossbreeding around the world.



B1154 BRITISH BLUE BULL

(LE: 500) Kirsty Armstrong

Height: 18.0cm Length: 25.5cm

British breeders imported Belgian Blues into the UK in the early 1980s and by the late 1990s, a distinctive 'British Blue' had been developed by dedicated herdsmen looking to improve the breed's genetics and characteristics for the UK dairy and commercial beef markets.



B1013 LIMOUSIN BULL

(LE: 750) Ray Ayres

Height: 16.0cm Length: 25.5cm

Having more pure and crossbred calves registered with BCMS than any other breed, the Limousin is firmly established as the UK's most prominent beef animal — and this handsome beast is off to keep up the good work!



B1139 BEEF SHORTHORN COW & CALF

(LE: 500) Kirsty Armstrong

Height: 17.5cm Length: 27.0cm

The Shorthorn can proudly boast of being the oldest recorded breed of cattle in the world — with a Pedigree Herd Book, the very first in the world, being published in 1822! Sadly having joined the Rare Breed Survival Trust's list in 1987, it's hard to imagine, then, that they were at one time the most prolific breed across the globe.

B1184 ABERDEEN ANGUS FAMILY GROUP

(LE: 600) Ray Ayres

Height: 16.5cm Length: 35.0cm

The Aberdeen Angus is one of the most famous breeds of beef cattle in the world, and with good reason. These well-built, hardy black cattle from the hills and glens of north-east Scotland have all the characteristics needed to produce beef of outstanding quality.



B1219 SIMMENTAL COW & CALF

(LE: 500) Antony Halls

Height: 19.0cm Length: 29.5cm

Originating from the Simmen Valley in Switzerland, the Simmental is now well established as a British beef breed. High fertility in both bulls and cows, good health, hardiness and longevity are attributes which have helped promote the Simmental, and now fine cattle like those in our group can be found nationwide.



B1129 HEREFORD FAMILY

(LE: 600) Antony Halls

Height: 17.5cm Length: 32.0cm

Mentioned by various agricultural authors as far back as the early 1600s, the Hereford is one of the oldest British beef breeds in existence and is believed to have evolved from the indigenous red cattle, which roamed the Welsh border counties and the western extremities of England centuries ago.



NEW B1408A SUPREME (GREY)

(LE: 250) Jane Burn

Height: 28.5cm Length: 30.0cm

There's nothing that encapsulates the slow pace of country life in days gone by quite like a 'heavy' or 'draft' horse. Once they were a vital cog in the wheels of British industry and agriculture, but these magnificent horses were replaced by mechanical power during the Second World War and they are now seldom seen outside of the county show ring.

NEW B1408 SUPREME (BAY)



NEW B1409 THOROUGHBRED BUST (BAY)

(LE: 250) Jane Burn

Height: 19.0cm Length: 18.0cm

Bred for racing, but also used in show jumping, eventing and even polo, the Thoroughbred is a hot-blooded horse breed, bred for agility and speed. Their strong pedigree lines have created horses that are also high-spirited and highly prized around the world. These elegant busts have captured the breed's elegance, with well-chiselled head and long neck, perfectly.

NEW B1409A THOROUGHBRED BUST (GREY)

NEW B1410 GYPSY VANNA BUST (PIEBALD)

(LE: 250) Jane Burn

Height: 19.5cm Length: 16.0cm

Defined as 'a small, heavy set horse', the Vanna is the perfect union of a powerful body, flat dense bone, and a kind intelligent expression. Their handsome and finely chiselled head tapering towards the end of the muzzle is punctuated with soft, well-set eyes, peeping out from their trademark feature, their full manes that typically fall below the shoulder.

NEW B1410A GYPSY VANNA BUST (SKEWBALD)



B1228A WATERING PLACE (PIEBALD & SKEWBALD)

(LE: 500) Anne Wall

Height: 18.0cm Length: 36.5cm

These two mighty heavy horses have been out to pasture over the winter and now, with the whiff of spring in the air, they have a spring in their heels too. Footloose and fancy free, the powerful pair is in playful mood as they enjoy a gallop right through the stream that is their 'watering place'.

B1228 WATERING PLACE (BAY)



B1273 NEARLY THERE

(LE: 400) Ray Ayres

Height: 25.0cm Length: 60.0cm

Gordon Senior, his wife Margaret, and son Gordon Junior are on the final climb up out of the town to where they will park up for Appleby Fair week. This caravan is very special as Gordon has traced its history back to the actor John Mills and during its renovation, the coat of arms of Queen Victoria was uncovered (Gordon is hoping that Buckingham Palace will be able to confirm this earlier ownership).

B1289 WELSH MOUNTAIN PONY (TOP)

(LE: 500) Anne Wall

Height: 18.0cm Length: 21.0cm

This delightful Welsh Pony displays the characteristics of this popular breed: a small head, prominent nostrils, bold eyes, deep girth and spirited character.



B1152 CALMING HAND

(LE: 500) Anne Wall

Height: 20.0cm Length: 30.0cm

The fact that he has been with his mum all day doesn't stop this young foal suddenly being spooked by the hedgehog ball he has just spotted; thankfully, the experienced hostler is able to offer soothing words and a 'calming hand'.



B1239 TURNING ON HEADLAND

(LE: 350) Anne Wall

Height: 18.0cm Length: 43.0cm

Always a welcome sight after a long, hard autumn day's labour, the headland — a strip of land left unploughed at the edge of a field — is in sight for this well-trained team who just need to keep it steady as the ploughman steers the last turn.

B1203 THE UNICORN (TOP)

(LE: 350) Ray Ayres

Height: 21.0cm Length: 58.0cm

2010 marked fifty years of Blackburn brewers Daniel Thwaites' reintroduction of horse-drawn deliveries after they ended in the 1920s when the company switched to motor transport. Three of the multi-award-winning Shire horses can be seen here pulling 'The Unicorn' dray.



NEW B1389 TAKING A BREAK

(LE: 500) Ray Ayres

Height: 17.0cm Length: 40.0cm

In the days before combines, the reaper binder was the machine for the job when it came to harvesting. It could cut the corn and bind it into bundles called 'sheaves', which were then built into 'stooks' by every available worker. Not interested in the adult talk, the two youngsters are happily playing whilst the adults are 'taking a break'.



B1236 FINE WEATHER WORK

(LE: 750) Ray Ayres

Height: 13.5cm Length: 33.5cm

Since the weather has been kind and the forecast promises more sunshine, the hay has been cut and has been left drying. Now the farmer makes ready to start turning the rows, in the hope that in a few days he will be able to bale his 'precious commodity'. But it's weather permitting, for this is definitely 'fine weather work'.

NEW B1330 EASY PICKINGS

(LE: 500) Ray Ayres

Height: 13.0cm Length: 34.5cm

Thankfully, the corn has been harvested and, as the local grain merchant has arrived for the collection, the hard work is now complete for the farmer. While the merchant's lorry is being loaded up, the farm hens, never ones to miss an opportunity, even under the watchful eye of the farm collie, take the time to get some 'easy pickings'.



B1162 MAIN CROP

(LE: 950) Ray Ayres

Height: 14.5cm Length: 28.0cm

As the faithful Fergie TEF trundles over the well tilled soil, the farmer's wife and daughter feed the chitted seed potatoes into the chutes every time the bell rings, thus giving perfect placement in the furrows.



B1220 A TIGHT TURN

(LE: 750) Ray Ayres

Height: 16.5cm Length: 39.0cm

It's a tight squeeze, taking the David Brown 950 with Hurricane harvester and trailer down the narrow country lanes — this before trying to access the field for silaging — and even though the driver has prepared the way by removing the gate and some of the wall, it's still going to be a 'tight turn'.

B1163 COUNTRY AIR (TOP)

(LE: 750) Ray Ayres

Height: 12.5cm Length: 38.0cm

It's been a busy morning. The farmer has now loaded up his muck spreader with mature manure and is just about to set off when he is amused by the farm collie putting the rooster to flight. Such ripe behaviour pales into insignificance, however, in comparison with the ripe smell of the good 'country air'!



B1164 CLEARING THE CULVERT

(LE: 500) Ray Ayres

Height: 18.5cm Length: 32.0cm

Clearing the ditches and culverts in the late autumn is very necessary in order to prevent any risk of winter flooding, and having done as much as he can the easy way using his machine, the unfortunate driver of this Hydra digger is finishing off the job the hard way — it's backbreaking work 'clearing the culvert' by hand.



B1235 THE COUNTRY BUS

(LE: 350) Ray Ayres

Height: 18.0cm Length: 34.0cm

It's all aboard! The country bus provides a valuable link between countryside and town for the daily and weekly shopping of the older folk in and around many rural areas. Parked in market square, here the friendly conductor is on hand to give a helping hand to those in need.

B1249 HARD WORK BY HAND

(LE: 500) Ray Ayres

Height: 18.0cm Length: 36.0cm

Working in the woods in the late 1960s was arduous work. The stacked 6" lengths of timber all had to be manhandled onto the trailer and the County 4x4 was the power horse, able to push and pull empty or loaded trailers to or from anywhere, in any terrain. Such 6" props were destined for the coalmines.



NEW B1299 MOVING TO HIGH GROUND

(LE: 500) Keith Sherwin

Height: 33.5cm Length: 30.5cm

It's rutting season again in the Scottish Uplands and this magnificent stag has been working hard to keep his harem of hinds to himself. Something has startled him, and at his signal they all make a dash, leaping and bounding over each other whilst 'moving to high ground'.



B1252 HIGHLANDER

(LE: 150) *Richard Roberts*

Height: 55.0cm Length: 50.0cm

Standing up 1.5 metres at the shoulder, the red deer is Britain's largest indigenous land mammal and for centuries it was reserved for the exclusive hunts of royalty. Here our regal stag is at the peak of his prowess and his majestic stance is that of an animal supreme in his domain.

B0220 HIGHLAND MAJESTY

Richard Roberts

Height: 30.0cm Length: 36.0cm

The red deer stag is in peak condition and is ready for the rut in October. This happens annually and by 26th September, a date known in Scotland as 'The Day of the Roaring', all stags have come down from the high ground in search of hinds.



B1159 OUT OF LUCK

(LE: 500) Ray Ayres

Height: 32.0cm Length: 24.0cm

The nut feeder swinging on the tree branch has attracted the attention of both the red squirrel and the fox. Unfortunately, however, the feeder is empty and the squirrel is out of reach, so it looks as though on this occasion both are 'out of luck'.



B1065 SO CLOSE YET...!

(LE: 750) Ray Ayres

Height: 18.5cm Length: 30.5cm

How to out-fox a fox! Simply lie low and then take him by surprise at precisely the correct moment which, in this case, is when he is hindered by a gap that's just a little too narrow to squeeze through — clever cock pheasant, he was 'so close yet' so far away from his dinner!

NEW B1346 SLIM CHANCE

(LE: 500) Keith Sherwin

Height: 14.5cm Length: 26.5cm

With snow covering the ground, finding food can be somewhat limited, however it does have its advantages, as this little mouse is no longer camouflaged by its surroundings. The fox has seen movement. The mouse is making a dash for cover. The race is on. Who will win? Perhaps the mouse...surely it has a 'slim chance'?



B1267 IN A SWIRL

(LE: 350) Ray Ayres

Height: 35.5cm Length: 26.5cm

As the water lily elegantly twists and turns on its way up towards the light and the surface of the water, this playful pair of otters are bent on doing exactly the opposite, as they dart and dive deep down towards the river bottom all 'in a swirl'.



B1298 WARY

(LE: 150) Ray Ayres

Height: 48.0cm Length: 23.5cm

In the early morning or late evening the meadowlands and fields are where our hare can be found grazing on choice young grass stems and tasty leaves. Always alert, often during feeding the hare will pause to cast a 'wary' eye over the surrounding area.



B1074 MARCH HARES

(LE: 500) Ray Ayres

Height: 27.5cm Length: 24.0cm

Come springtime, in open meadows, fields and aerodromes across the country, we can see hares performing their peculiar 'boxing matches' as the breeding season gets underway. Contrary to common belief, these boxing displays are not always two males (Jacks) competing for dominance, but can also be a female (Jill) fighting off the unwanted advances of a Jack!



NEW B1376 A ROOM WITH A VIEW

(LE: 500) Keith Sherwin

Height: 27.0cm Length: 26.5cm

Large cavities in walls or in hollow trees often provide suitable nesting sites for the barn owl (*Tyto alba*) but quiet disused farm buildings are by far the best places. Our pair has been lucky enough to find a site that not only provides protection, is close to ample grassland and hedgerows, but also offers 'a room with a view'.



B1355 DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW

(LE: 500) Ray Ayres

Height: 24.0cm Length: 21.0cm

It's not very often you get to 'spot' a relatively common great spotted woodpecker (*Dendrocopos major*) alongside the much smaller and less common lesser spotted woodpecker (*Dendrocopos minor*) on the same patch, not least because they are both very shy. But that's not to say that when they do occasionally meet they have 'different points of view'.



B1061 LOOK & LISTEN

(LE: 500) Ray Ayres

Height: 33.0cm Length: 24.0cm

The barn owl is very reliant on the ready supply of small prey, voles in particular. When there are plenty, larger broods will be hatched and survive into adulthood. On the wing the owl is a silent hunter; there are times, though, that they will sit on an elevated fence post and just 'look and listen' to what's happening around them.



B1192 RISING PHEASANT

(LE: 350) Keith Sherwin

Height: 26.0cm Length: 37.5cm

On a still warm evening sound carries quickly and this cock pheasant has been startled by something close by and so, without hesitation, it gets up and away in a hurry and a flurry of bright colourful plumage.



B1189 SEA EAGLE

(LE: 350) Keith Sherwin

Height: 29.0cm Length: 44.0cm

Since these magnificent birds were reintroduced on the Isle of Rum thirty-six years ago, Scotland's sea eagle population has reached a record high, but with just fifty-two adult breeding pairs across the country they are still considered to be rare and conservationists valiantly continue to work around the country to preserve their habitat and way of life.

B1059 GREYLAGS RISING

(LE: 500) Ray Ayres

Height: 21.5cm Length: 24.0cm

The ancestors of most European and North American domestic geese, greylags (species: *Anser anser*) are large in size, pale grey in colour, with pink legs, orange beak and are easily identifiable in flight by the pale leading edge to the underside of their wings. They are said to get their name from the fact that they are among the last migratory birds to leave for warmer winter climes — thus 'lagging' behind!



B1272 FRESH FROM THE SPEY

(LE: 350) *Keith Sherwin*

Height: 47.5cm Length: 24.0cm

Perched high atop the treetops this osprey nest is safe from predators, being guarded by wardens and conservationists who tirelessly endeavour to protect this spectacular raptor which was once extinct from our shores but now, thankfully, breeds here again.



B0987 OSPREY

(LE: 500) Ray Ayres

Height: 28.5cm Length: 22.5cm

Capturing a spectacular moment in time, with a fish in sight, the osprey takes a dramatic dive and with a splash and a huge upward beat of the wings, this magnificent bird holds its struggling prey (on this occasion a large rainbow trout) in the powerful grip of its talons.

B1266 WHO'S FIRST?

(LE: 350) Keith Sherwin

Height: 30.0cm Length: 31.0cm

What a beautiful sight. In nature, observation is the best teaching method for imparting the vital skills of survival and so, having emerged from their nest, these young kingfishers are watching their parents with keen eyes.



B1076 SUMMER SPLENDOUR

(LE: 350) Ray Ayres

Height: 37.0cm Length: 26.5cm

During the summer months the cock pheasant spends much of his time gathering hens into his harem and by jumping up onto an old post, he not only gets the chance to see if he's missed any, but also to display his fine feathers in all their 'summer splendour'.

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